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MEDIA NOTE

U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan Gration's Travel

U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan Scott Gration will travel to China, Qatar, the United Kingdom and France from May 23 to June 1.

Special Envoy Gration will travel to Beijing to meet senior Chinese government officials, including the Chinese Representative for Darfur Liu Guijin. The Special Envoy will then travel to Doha to participate in a meeting of Sudan Special Envoys from China, Russia, the United Kingdom, France and the European Union, to align positions on the Darfur peace process under the leadership of United Nations-African Union Joint Chief Mediator Bassolé.

From Doha Special Envoy Gration will go to London, where he will meet senior British officials, reconvene the Sudan Troika (Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States) and participate in a meeting of the Sudan Contact Group (Canada, the European Union, France, the Netherlands, Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States) to address issues related to Comprehensive Peace Agreement implementation. Finally, Special Envoy Gration will travel to Paris, where he will meet senior French officials and will encourage Sudan Liberation Army faction leader Abdul Wahid al-Nur to join the Darfur peace process.

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